

A Multi-Jurisdictional Flood Mitigation Plan for the Non-Tidal N.J. Section of the Delaware River Basin

-Initial Planning Framework-

Regional Planning Team meeting –

In attendance: NJOEM, DRBC, NJDEP, County Officials (County Emergency Management Coordinators, County Administrators, County Engineers County Planners, etc.)

- The benefits of having a Flood Mitigation Plans in place will be discussed.
- Goals and objectives of planning process and timeline will be presented.
- DRBC will specify the technical assistance and products they plan to prepare in order to help the local jurisdictions in their planning process.
- Each county must be willing to provide communication and assistance regarding the local planning process to its municipalities. Expected roles/responsibilities will be discussed.
- Municipal Outreach Package will be reviewed. Best methods for outreach will be discussed.
- Opportunities for participation by others (i.e. watershed organizations, etc.) will be discussed.

County Kick-off meetings

One per County

In attendance: NJOEM, DRBC, NJDEP, County & Municipal Officials

- Educate officials from all participating municipal jurisdictions on the mitigation planning process
- Explain the planning requirements and the individual roles being required and assigned to each
- Preliminary assessment products will be made available by the DRBC
- Specific data collection requests will be explained
- Roles and responsibilities for the individual jurisdictions will be defined
- Project timeline presented
- Question & Answer session
- Municipalities will be provided a Statement of Intent

Planning Workshops

One per County

In attendance: NJOEM, DRBC, NJDEP, Local liaisons & other municipal leaders

- The workshops will provide further guidance to local liaisons and other municipal leaders on the mitigation planning process and their responsibilities in that process.
- Questions and concerns will be addressed.
- Importance of questionnaires will be discussed.

County Technical Assistance meetings

One per County

In attendance: NJOEM, DRBC, NJDEP, County & Municipal Officials

- Present the findings of the Vulnerability Assessment (HAZUS) to county and local officials
- An interactive brainstorming session for workshop attendees will be held to begin building general countywide consensus on the mitigation goals for the Mitigation Plan.
- Participants will be asked to identify specific mitigation actions that their community could undertake to help their County become less vulnerable to flood hazards
- Each mitigation action will then be characterized according to the general consensus of the group. The intended purpose of this categorization exercise will be the identification of common themes that can then translate logically into goal statements for the Plan.
- A variety of planning tools and references for considering and evaluating their mitigation action alternatives, will be handed out. County and local officials will take the materials back to their individual jurisdictions to identify and prioritize their own mitigation actions.